

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Judge Link opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the February 05, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of February, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He then asked if there were any questions.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1022 thru 01-1071 in the amount of \$44,255.07 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-256 thru 02-264 in the amount of \$6,622.25 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-345 thru 03-360 in the amount of \$35,298.96 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-0000014 & 04-0000015 in the amount of \$4,508.48 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of February 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 01-2007-601 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicants John and Cheryl Arnold, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 01-2007-601 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicants John and Cheryl Arnold, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Brent Lee Caldwell to serve as Road Laborer for the Grant County Road Department beginning March 05, 2007, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour. It is as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Brent Lee Caldwell to serve as Road Laborer for the Grant County Road Department as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Re-appointment of Charles Givin to serve another four year term as a member of the Bullock Pen Water District Board

retroactive to February 14, 2007, and to expire on February 13, 2011. It is as follows:

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the Re-Appointment of Charles Givin to serve another 4 year term as a member of the Bullock Pen Water District Board as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link explained that the Grant County Emergency Management was requesting the Court to advertise for Sealed Bids to purchase a Side Scan Sonar. He then requested a motion authorizing him to advertise with said bids to be opened during the presence of Fiscal Court on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to authorize the Judge/Executive to advertise for Sealed bids for the purchase of Side Scan Sonar for the Grant County Emergency Management with said bids to be opened during the presence of Fiscal Court on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Resolution Authorizing the County Judge/Executive to enter into an Agreement with the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) for the Project known as "Grant County Fiscal Court- Fire Departments" to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by GOLD to facilitate this Project and to act as the authorized Correspondent for the Project as

required by the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly House Bill 380. It is as follows:

He explained that about a year ago Senator Thayer had these funds included in the State budget, but the county must make application for the funds and they are to be administered by the county. These funds are to purchase equipment for the Fire Departments. They will be distributed equally among the five fire departments. All five have submitted a letter on how they would use those funds, and he believes they meet the protocol set forth by the Governor's Office for local Development. They also require the Fiscal Court to pass the Resolution which he read in full.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Judge/Executive to enter into an Agreement with the Governor's Office for local Development (GOLD) for the Project known as "Grant County Fiscal Court-Fire Departments", to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by GOLD to facilitate this Project and to act as the authorized Correspondent for the Project as required by the 2006 General Assembly House Bill 380 as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented a letter from the Governor's Office for Local Development regarding Salaries of Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2007. It is as follows: He then requested a motion approving the 2.5619% CPI Increase for all Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2007, i.e., County Judge/Executive, Sheriff, County Clerk, Magistrates, Coroner, County Attorney and Jailer, retroactive to January 01, 2007.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve

and allow the 2.5619% CPI Increase for all Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2007, i.e. County Judge/Executive, Sheriff, County Clerk, Magistrates, Coroner, County Attorney and Jailer, retroactive to January 01, 2007.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Judge Link informed Magistrate Linder that he had done some research after the last Caucus meeting when the question came up about whether the Court could approve this CPI for elected officials for their full term of office rather than approving this on an annual basis. He first was told “No” a couple of times, but he finally talked with someone in the Governor’s Office by the name of Rich Ornstein, an attorney representing GOLD, who said that it could be done by Ordinance if the Fiscal Court approved it because Ordinances are long lasting, and we would not be required every year to make a motion to approve their recommendation letter when they send it. Rich suggested also that language be put in there when we do the Ordinance and make it long lasting that it would stand unless the Court took action to not allow it. So it would be in reverse, but it answered the question that Magistrate Young proposed and he appreciated them bringing it to his attention as this is how we all learn. He said that Ed would prepare the Ordinance and have it ready for review at the Caucus meeting on Monday night.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Resignation of Travis Blake as Road Laborer for the Grant County Road Department effective March 01, 2007. It is as follows: He said that Travis has been a very good employee.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to accept with regrets the Resignation of Travis Blake as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for January 2007. No action is required. It is as follows: he said that we maintain a healthy Cash Position Report.

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Judge Link announced that Open discussion for the "Good of the County" would be at this time and said that anyone who wanted to address the Court could do so. He informed the Court that they had a Report from the Grant County Industrial Development Board in their packet to take home and review, as well as a letter from William Henry Hill, Manger of the Corinth Water District, recommending some connections of waterlines to various roads that dead end to each other so they could have good water flow and not waste so much water under the Phase VI Project. He explained that there is also a map in his office that goes along with this letter if anyone wanted to stop down and look at it. He also stated that he had asked Billy Hill if they anticipated that they would need some seed money from Fiscal Court on this Project, but he indicated they were going thru RC&D and did not think they would need any at this time. Judge Link said that he was looking at this when putting together the new 07-08 fiscal year budget which you need to know those things, but said that he would discuss which projects they would be funding when he began working on the budget. Magistrate Linder thanked the Road Department on the good job that they have been doing thru the snow emergency. They are away from their families a lot. He said that he had a lot of good reports from people, and they felt the roads were cleared in a timely manner and he knows that a lot of hard work went into

that. Judge Link thanked him for his comments and said that the Road Crew always appreciated comments from the Magistrates because they not only try to please the people in the community, they try to please the Magistrates as well. Even though they continue to be short staffed over there those guys did a wonderful job and put some extra hours in doing so. They are always proud of their work when it comes to snow removal and he is sure there wasn't anything else they could do to make it better. Magistrate Austin said that the Cinder pile is way down and the cinders are out there some place. Judge Link said that the weather looks good over the next ten days. It is to be in the 50's and that will get us into March, and if we get some bad weather then they will probably just take the trucks out and just scrape the snow off the roads with the blades and that will save on buying more Salt and materials until next year.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that there will be a Caucus meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, February 26, 2007, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, March 05, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, March 05, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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